



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fuel Conservation

1. The attached September 13, 2005, memorandum from the Deputy Secretary of Defense requests that the Department of the Army, as well as all Department of Defense (DoD) employees, take immediate measures that will save fuel as a result of gasoline shortages caused by Hurricane Katrina. This request is consistent with Executive Order 13123 (June 3, 1999) and the Energy Act of 2005, which directs DoD to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and improve the management of energy use.
2. Additionally, the Army Energy Strategy for Installations, issued on July 8, 2005, further emphasizes the requirement to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels through the elimination of wasteful practices. Despite a decade of steady reduction in energy use, the past 15 months have shown a disturbing trend of increased energy and fuel consumption by the Army.
3. Commanders and Directors of Army Agencies must take an aggressive stance to reduce this energy growth trend and to limit rising energy expenses. As an initial step, Commanders must reduce the use of non-tactical sport utility vehicles, which should be phased out as current leases expire, in all but the most highly justified instances.
4. Request all Army organizations and agencies fully embrace the need to conserve energy. Additionally, Major Commands should develop and implement specific measures to enhance energy conservation.

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